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Treatment of rock ballast at Brunswick Quarantine.

BRUNSWICK QUARANTINE, *August 21, 1897.*

SIR: Replying to Bureau letter of 17th instant, relative to treatment of rock ballast discharged at this station, whether or not it is put under water, and if that which is not put under water is disinfected, I have the honor to state that stone ballast from infected ports, so far as practicable, is put under water, or so that it is submerged at mean tides. That above high water has been treated with a solution of mercury, one part to 800, applied by means of hose, after discharge. Before the destruction of ballast wharf by storm of September 30, 1896, all ballast from infected ports was put under water, but since that time it has not been possible to do so, as the dumping space at the remaining wharf would not admit of this without filling up the channel adjacent to the wharf. The repair of the former ballast wharf is now complete, and for the remainder of this season and during the coming season there will be sufficient space for submerging all stone ballast from ports infected or suspected.

Respectfully, yours,

R. E. L. BURFORD,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to September 3, 1897.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham and adjacent country	May 8–Aug. 12	96	1	
	Aug. 21–Sept. 1	36		
Brockton	Aug. 29	1		
Mobile	Dec. 28–Jan. 26	2		
	Mar. 28	1		
	Apr. 17	1		
	May 21	1		
	May 31	1		
Montgomery	Aug. 7–Aug. 13	28		
Union Springs	Mar. 21		1	
Connecticut:				
New Haven	Feb. 17	1		
Florida:				
Pensacola	Jan. 19–Feb. 20	13		
	Feb. 28–Mar. 10	14		12 varioloid.
	Mar. 27–Apr. 3	3		Varioloid.
	Apr. 10–May 1	10		Do.
	May 2–May 22	7		Do.
	May 29–June 5	2		Do.
	July 4–July 10			1 case varioloid.
Escambia County (not including Pensacola)	Dec. 2–Jan. 19	18		
Illinois:				
Chicago	Mar. 25			Smallpox reported; brought from Mexico.
	Mar. 27–Apr. 3		1	
	Apr. 10–Apr. 17	2		
	May 8–May 15		1	
Indiana:				
Greenwood	Feb. 12	1		
Massachusetts:				
Boston	May 1–May 8	4		
	May 22–May 29	1		
Cambridge	June 6–June 26	3		Varioloid. 1 smallpox
Gloucester	June 19–June 26	1	2	
New Bedford	Apr. 10–Apr. 17	1		
Michigan:				
Blissfield Township	Mar. 27–Apr. 10			Smallpox reported.
	Apr. 17–May 1			Do.
Missouri:				
St. Louis	April 29	2		
	May 1–May 22	2	3	

Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
New York:				
Brooklyn	Apr. 24–June 26	5	2	
	June 27–July 24	2	1	
New York	Mar. 1–Mar. 31		2	Smallpox reported.
	Apr. 17–May 15		10	
	June 13–June 19		3	
	July 4–July 24		3	
Ohio:				
Toledo	Apr. 1–May 31	14	2	
	June 1–June 30	4	1	
Pennsylvania:				
Drifton	Apr. 6	1		
Tennessee:				
Memphis	Apr. 1–June 26	21		
	July 4–July 17	3		
	Aug. 15–Aug. 21	1		
Washington:				
Tacoma	Feb. 6	1		
Olympia	Mar. 1	1		

Report of immigration at Boston for the week ended August 28, 1897.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,
Port of Boston, August 28, 1897.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended August 28, 1897; also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Aug. 22	Steamship Yarmouth	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	198
Aug. 23	Steamship Halifax	Halifax, Nova Scotia	77
Do	Steamship Scythia	Liverpool, England, and Queenstown, Ireland.	155
Do	Steamship Brookline	Port Antonio, Jamaica	3
Aug. 24	Steamship Cestrian	Liverpool, England	3
Do	Schooner Sunshine	Harborville, Nova Scotia	1
Do	Schooner Heather Bell	St. John, New Brunswick	1
Aug. 25	Steamship Olivette	Halifax, Nova Scotia	43
Do	Steamship Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	62
Do	Steamship Kansas	Liverpool, England	2
Aug. 26	Steamship Yarmouth	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	101
Aug. 27	Schooner F. Richard	Meteghan, Nova Scotia	1
Aug. 28	Steamship Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	146
Do	Steamship Olivette	Halifax, Nova Scotia	57
Do	Schooner Patriot	Canso, Nova Scotia	1
	Total		851

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